

FEE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

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Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
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106	330	206	165	<input type="checkbox"/> Design Filing Fee
108	740	208	370	<input type="checkbox"/> Reissue Filing Fee
114	160	214	80	<input type="checkbox"/> Provisional Filing Fee
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Current Claims	Prior	Extra	Fee	Fee Paid
Total	5	- 20	= 0 x \$ 18	= \$ 0
Ind.	1	- 3	= 0 x \$ 84	= \$ 0
Multiple Dependent Claims			x \$	= \$
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Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent Claim
109	80	209	40	Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

Complete if Known	
Application No.	09/910,661
Filing Date	July 20, 2001
First Named Inventor	Vishnu K. Agarwal
Group Art Unit	1763
Examiner	George Goudreau
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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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105	130	205	65
127	50	227	25
139	130	139	130
147	2,520	147	2,520
195	300	196	300
115	110	215	55
116	400	216	200
117	920	217	460
118	1,440	218	720
128	1,960	280	980
120	320	220	160
121	280	270	140
148	110	248	55
140	110	240	55
141	1,280	241	640
142	1,280	242	640
143	460	243	230
122	130	122	130
123	50	123	50
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Other fee (specify)			
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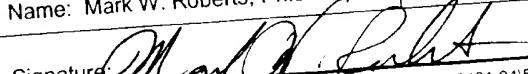
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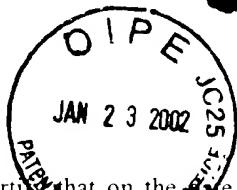
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Vishnu K. Agarwal Attorney Docket No.: 500431.04
Serial No. : 09/910,661 Group Art Unit : 1763
Filed : July 20, 2001 Examiner : George Goudreau
Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENDPOINTING A CHEMICAL-MECHANICAL
PLANARIZATION PROCESS

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Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated September 28, 2001.

REMARKS

Claims 68-72 are pending in the application. In the Office Action dated September 28, 2001, the Examiner took the following actions: (1) rejected claims 68 and 70-71 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated to U.S. Patent No. 6,228,769 to Li *et al.*; (2) rejected claims 68 and 70-71 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated to U.S. Patent No. 6,110,831 to Cargo *et al.*; (3) rejected claims 69 and 72 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over any of Li *et al.* or Cargo *et al.* Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

Applicant submits herewith a declaration of the inventor, Vishnu K. Agarwal, under 37 C.F.R. §1.131. The facts contained in the declaration show that the claimed invention was conceived by Applicant prior to the filing date (May 6, 1998) of Li *et al.* and prior to the filing date (September 4, 1997) of Cargo *et al.* and that Applicant was diligent in constructive reduction to practice by submitting a disclosure of the invention for preparation of this patent.